

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 52 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask and will never stop asking that You bless the Members, men and women of the people's House. We remember that in the very first Congress there were problems whose possible solutions seemed to generate division in the Congress. Our national ancestors were able then to overcome their differences to work toward a common goal. Our very existence is proof that such cooperative work can succeed.

Send Your spirit of wisdom upon the Members during these contentious days. Grant them the courage to work together with charity, to join their efforts to accomplish what our Nation needs to live into a prosperous and secure future.

May they understand that they, like their political forebears, make history in the work they do, and continue to build the foundation upon which our Republic rests. Help them to build together an ever stronger foundation.

May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. QUIGLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 1-minute requests.

JOBS

(Mr. RIGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, our friends and neighbors are hurting. Last week the Department of Labor told us that the unemployment rate has climbed to 9.2 percent. That's unacceptable. This number reflects, in part, the policies of an administration that is embracing bureaucracy and red tape more than entrepreneurship and common sense. Let me give you a local example.

A respected developer in my district, he has got a job-creating project that is ready to go and has the full support of the City of Virginia Beach, which has already invested millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements for the project. And unlike so many of the projects that have been talked about, this really is shovel ready. HUD just needs to give it a green light. But all we're seeing is red because HUD is locked into a bureaucratic culture evidenced by a rigid first-in, first-out policy. It's resulted in an expensive 6-month delay. It's putting the entire project in jeopardy.

America can't afford even one more month of these kind of jobs numbers. So to the leadership of HUD, I am asking you, work overtime. Do what you must to turn these applications around in a timely manner and you'll unleash the greatest job-creating engine the world's ever known—the American entrepreneur.

RECOGNIZING DR. PATRICIA FLANAGAN

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Patricia Flanagan, Rhode Island's nationally recognized expert in the area of teenage parenting and adolescent medicine. Dr. Flanagan recently received the 2011 Silver Rattle Award from the Rhode Island Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition for her years of leadership and dedicated service to Rhode Island's teen mothers and children.

Dr. Flanagan is rattling the system with her groundbreaking ideas and service to the Hasbro Children's Hospital community. She serves as the chief of clinical affairs at Hasbro; the president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Rhode Island Chapter; and a professor of pediatrics at Brown University. As director of the Teens with Tots Clinic at Hasbro Children's Hospital, she leads a team in providing social and medical services to nearly 300 teen mothers and their children, following their lives for up to 5 years.

Today I am pleased to congratulate Dr. Patricia Flanagan for her great contributions to the field of maternal and child health as a pediatrician, a researcher, a teacher, and an advocate.

QE3 AND INFLATION

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today the Fed Chairman, Mr. Bernanke, is indicating they are going to increase the money supply again. They call it QE3. What the American people need to know, that means they are going to print more money. And when they print more money, that makes the value of your dollar and your currency worth less. That means milk is going to cost more, bread is going to cost more because the Federal Government's not living within its means and they're going to print more money that's going to make all of our currency worth less.

I want to tell you what's happened in other countries when they've done this. In Hungary in 1946, the price of everything doubled every 16 hours. In Yugoslavia in 1994, the prices doubled every 34 hours. In Germany in 1923, the price of everything doubled every 4 days. In Greece in 1944, it doubled every 4 days. In Zimbabwe in 2008, it doubled every 24 hours.

We need to stop this printing of money. We need to control spending in this body instead of letting the Fed print more money, which is a hidden tax on everybody in this country.

CLAIMING VICTORY AND SURRENDERING

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, our Nation and our world is at an economic crossroads, with the debt ceiling needing to be raised by the 2nd of August. Fortunately, I think some common sense appears to be coming from the Senate from Senator MITCH MCCONNELL: the idea of surrendering but claiming victory, more noble than admitting defeat, and much more noble than putting this Nation and the world on an economic precipice all based upon the resistance of putting tax increases on the millionaires and billionaires in this Nation.

People who have benefited and haven't hurt one iota are being told by the Republicans that they will not agree to a compromise if it causes an increase in taxes for the millionaires and billionaires, those tax breaks from the Bush years that helped cause this debt problem and caused the recession.

So I praise Senator MCCONNELL for claiming victory and surrendering in a noble way and keeping our economy. Hopefully, this project will be successful and save us from having a catastrophic Wall Street and bond market collapse.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

(Mr. STUTZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)